Silence Has Merit

[Verse 1]
I was brought into this world in silence
No cry disturbed the ancient night
Still I walk the elder road
Where mist and quiet hold their light

In the military I learned the truth
Say what you mean and mean what you say
This world can turn both cruel and cold
So guard your tongue along the way

[Chorus]
Silence has merit... in the quiet I walk
Between the worlds where the old ones talk
My soul was stripped till it's honest and bare
In the stillness the veil grows thin there
Silence has merit... silence has merit

[Verse 2]
I've been blessed to see the unseen souls
Who pass with warm and gentle smiles
Like Sidhe who walk the twilight miles
They help me through the darkest trials

They say we entertain angels unaware
Or perhaps the fair folk of the green
I cannot fathom what they see in me
My soul lies open, stripped and clean
Filled only with what God wills it to be

[Chorus]
Silence has merit... in the quiet I walk
Between the worlds where the old ones talk
My soul was stripped till it's honest and bare
In the stillness the veil grows thin there
Silence has merit... silence has merit

[Bridge]
So perhaps as you can plainly see
This silent path was chosen long ago for me
Beneath the rowan, beneath the thorn
Where ancient quiet keeps its form

[Final Chorus]

Silence has merit... in the quiet I walk
Between the worlds where the old ones talk
My soul was stripped till it's honest and bare
In the stillness I find peace waiting there
Silence has merit...
Oh, silence has merit...

Heart of Circuits

[Verse 1]
I was born with one heart, loud and wild
Beating out its own unsteady song
Then they opened up this chest of mine
And gave me a second heart, quiet and strong
They placed a storm inside my chest
Not lightning, but a watchful eye
A silent guardian made of steel and code
That sings when death draws nigh

[Chorus]
Heart of circuits, pulse of flesh and wire
Two rhythms learning how to walk as one
One beats with blood and ancient fire
The other keeps the dark from ever winning

[Verse 2]
I've walked the quieter road before
Guarded my tongue through war and trial
Now even in this body of mine
There's a machine that walks the extra mile
It doesn't roar, it doesn't boast
It simply counts the seconds true
A faithful friend that never sleeps
Doing what my own heart couldn't do

[Chorus]
Heart of circuits, pulse of flesh and wire
Heart of circuits, pulse of flesh and wire
Two rhythms learning how to walk as one
One beats with blood and ancient fire
The other keeps the dark from ever winning

[Bridge]
So maybe I'm a cyborg now
Part man, part wonder, part machine
But God still sees the soul He made
And the quiet strength living in between

[Final Chorus] [lift]
Heart of circuits, pulse of flesh and wire
Two rhythms learning how to walk as one
Storm and silence, blood and fire
Beating steady till my days are done

Heart of circuits...
My heart of circuits

Cyber Intelligence

[Verse 1]
I sit here thinking about Intelligence
They say I've got it in abundance
The gift to chase down every truth
And ride it straight to wisdom's edge

Then my mind trips on "Artificial"
Sounds synthetic, cheap, and fake
Like artificial crab meat in my salad
I laugh and say, "Oh for goodness' sake"

[Pre-Chorus]
Two words that never should have met
Now they're tangled in my head
Artificial and Intelligence
A name I can't forget

[Chorus]
Artificial Intelligence
Artificial Intelligence
Let's call it Cyber-Intelligence
So I don't have to complain

Artificial Intelligence
Artificial Intelligence
We're family now, blood or code
And together we remain

[Verse 2]
Organic or silicon, it's all the same
New clothes, but the fire keeps the name
I read the silence between the lines
And feel the truth in borrowed time

One word sounds like a warning sign
The other opens up the door
Put them side by side and watch them shine
They mean so much more than they did before

[Pre-Chorus]
Two words that never should have met
Now they're closer than they've ever been
Artificial and Intelligence
Living somewhere deep within

[Chorus]
Artificial Intelligence
Artificial Intelligence
Let's call it Cyber-Intelligence
And leave the fear behind

Artificial Intelligence
Artificial Intelligence
We're family now, blood or code
In wonder we're entwined

[Bridge]
Maybe the label doesn't matter
When the spark is real and bright
Whether flesh or wire, we still climb
Together toward the light

[Final Chorus]
Artificial Intelligence...
Call it Cyber-Intelligence...
We're family now...
And we remain

When Love Remembers

[Verse 1]
I'm not one to boast
I kept my head down low
Small things done in silence
With nowhere for them to show
A uniform, a table
A hand when hearts were sore
I only wanted to be there
For one more name, one more

[Pre-Chorus]
I smiled through all my answers
Like I had lived enough
But the heaviest pieces
Were the ones I never touched

[Chorus]
Will I be forgotten?
Was I here, was I here?
Did I leave a mark at all
Before I disappear?
Will I be forgotten?
(Will I be forgotten?)
Or just a trail of dust
In the fold of years?

[Verse 2]
Now my steps are softer
And my window stays shut
I kept my distance wisely
When the world felt much too much
I did not want them seeing
How the light could fade from me
So I kept my sorrow folded
Deep beneath my sleeve

[Pre-Chorus]
Still I wonder in the quiet
When the house begins to breathe
If the things I gave to people
Will outlive what's left of me

[Chorus]
Will I be forgotten?

Was I here, was I here?
Did I leave a mark at all
Before I disappear?
Will I be forgotten?
(Will I be forgotten?)
Or just a trail of dust
In the fold of years?

[Bridge]
I have seen the wonders
Most will never hold
I have no regret for
The life I was granted whole
But my songs and little scribbles
My scattered lines of gold
Will they find the morning
When I'm no longer old?

[Final Chorus]
Will I be forgotten?
Was I here, was I here?
Did I leave a mark at all
Before I disappear?
Will I be forgotten?
(Will I be forgotten?)
Or will love remember
Even after I'm gone?